

I support media diversity

Hi,

My name is Brian Crawford, and I am a sophomore in Highschool, and I am 100% against what the FCC is about to do with media ownership. In 1996 I saw, and still see the effects that the radio station ownership law created. When I turn on the radio I hear about 3 songs, then about 20 minutes of commercials. This is unacceptable. The law passed in 1996 also completely ruined the music scene by turning it into an even more corporatized mess. But those only scratch the surface of why I am against these upcoming laws on broadcasting ownership. I am mainly against it because this would be another step towards the end of democracy as we know it. With only 6 companies really owning the TV, I get a lot of the same information on the news channels. If these companies are allowed to merge even more, it means less views on subjects. In my social studies class we learned that news mediums can effect public policy by using biased reports and reporting what they want to report. If we have only 2 or 3 companies views on the TV, that means that as American's we are getting less perspectives on certain events that are happening. Take this new law that you are trying to pass, barely any coverage is being played on the stations because all those stations benefit from this law. That means most American's don't know what you guys are doing because they aren't getting that view of the law. This is also just another example of fat cats scratching each others backs. You give these companies more power, and they give the republican party more money for next years election.

I am a socialist, I am a student, I am opposed to the new broadcasting ownership law.